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SUBJ: ILO - 63RD CONFERENCE - DAILY REPORT FOR JUNE 10

1. ARTICLE 17 - SERIES OF INFORMAL MEETINGS TOOK PLACE,
ENDING WITH IMEC WORKING PARTY DISCUSSION BOTH TACTICS AND
SUBSTANCE OF ISSUE WHICH LIKELY ARISE IN STRUCTURE COM-
MITTEE (SC) JUNE 13. SINCE (SC) HAS DISCUSSED OTHER STRUC-
TURE ISSUES (ARTICLE 7 AND 36; NON-GOVERNMENTAL MEMBERSHIP)
WITHOUT DECIDING ANYTHING, SAME SITUATION MAY ARISE WITH
ARTICLE 17. WE INTEND TO PUSH FOR EITHER A SC WORKING GROUP
OR IMMEDIATE DISCUSSION OF DRAFT TEXT. IMEC GROUP (MINUS
US) HAS AGREED TO TAKE LEAD IN SC DISCUSSION SO THAT US WILL
NOT BECOME "POINT PERSON" IN THIS SITUATION. EMPLOYER'S
GROUP HAS PREPARED ITS OWN DRAFT, AND CANADIAN GOVT HAS SOME
SUGGESTIONS TO AMEND PRESENT TEXT. BOTH THESE PROPOSALS WILL
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BE HELD UNTIL WE SEE WHETHER WE CAN GET SC TO AGREE
TO START WORK ON TEXT.

2. COMMITTEE ON WORKING ENVIRONMENT - DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
ARE SOMEWHAT SURPRISINGLY CALLING FOR VERY STRONG STANDARDS,
DESPITE FACT THAT DC'S USUALLY CLAIM THEY CANNOT MEET
HIGH STANDARDS BECAUSE OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS.

3. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT - WORKING PARTY WAS FORMED AND IS MEETING TO CONSIDER SCOPE OF CONVENTION, TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES. GOVT MEMBERS OF WP: US, UK, HUNGARY, INDIA, MEXICO, MOROCCO, CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE. USG IS CHAIRPERSON.

4. COMMITTEE ON NURSING PERSONNEL - VOTED JUNE 9 TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL BY WORKER'S GROUP TO HAVE A CONVENTION WITH RECOMMENDATION INSTEAD OF RECOMMENDATION ONLY AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY COMMITTEE. WORKING PARTY NOW DRAFTING CONVENTION.

5. COMMITTEE OF APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS AND STANDARDS - (A) VOTED TO PUT ETHIOPIA ON "SPECIAL LIST" FOR NOT COMPLYING WITH ILO CONVENTIONS. US WAS ONLY GOVT VOTING YES; ALL OTHER GOVTs ABSTAINED; WORKERS VOTED 22 YES, 2 NO, 15 ABSTENTIONS; EMPLOYERS - 17 YES, 7 ABST. TOTAL: 40 YES, 2 NO, 66 ABST. (B) COMMITTEE NOW WILL BEGIN CONSIDERATION OF USSR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WITH IMEC CAUCUS HAVING AGREED TO SEEK "SPECIAL PARAGRAPH" BUT NOT SPECIAL LIST. (WE EXPECT USSR TO STATE NEW CONSTITUTION PUTS USSR IN COMPLIANCE AND TO PUSH FOR HAVING COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS REVIEW NEW CONSTITUTION. USDEL PLANS STATE THAT IN OUR VIEW NEW CONSTITUTION DOES NOT CHANGE SITUATION AND WE WILL THEREFORE SEEK "SPECIAL LISTING" OF USSR. (C) ALSO LIKELY THAT WORKERS WILL PUSH TO HAVE ARGENTINA PLACED ON SPECIAL LIST. (D) FINALLY, GOVT OF ISRAEL HAS SUBMITTED VERY FULL REPORT TO COMMITTEE IN RESPONSE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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QUERIES OF COMMITTEE OF EXPERT. THERE IS CLEARLY NO BASIS FOR SPECIAL LIST OR SPECIAL PARAGRAPH ACTION, AND WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS (AND OF COURSE USDEL) WILL STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY SUCH EFFORT.

7. PLENARY - CROWN PRINCE HASSAN (JORDAN) ADDRESSED PLENARY AND IN HIS REMARKS HE INCLUDED 2 FOLLOWING REFERENCES TO (A) US LETTER OF INTENT; (B) ARAB-ISRAELI SITUATION; AND (C) NEED TO ADHERE TO FUNDAMENTAL ILO PRINCIPLES:

(A) "IN A WORLD FULL OF CONFLICTING INTERESTS, IT IS EASY TO FALL PREY TO PESSIMISM. THERE IS ALL THE MORE NEED, THEREFORE, TO STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH IN THE VALUE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS ILO. NO COUNTRY HOWEVER BIG OR SMALL, SHOULD TREAT THEM AS PERIPHERAL TO ITS VITAL INTERESTS OR NEGLECT THEM BECAUSE THEY MIGHT NOT SEEM TO SERVE AS USEFUL ADJUNCTS TO NATIONAL POLICIES UNIVERSALITY BOTH IN TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL OR POLITICAL SUPPORT IS ESSENTIAL FOR AN INTERNATIONA

ORGANIZATION TO BE EFFECTIVE AND FULFIL ADEQUATELY ITS MISSION. NEITHER INTERNAL CONFLICTS NOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NATIONS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO ADVERSELY AFFECT THIS UNIVERSAL CHARACTER. I HOPE AND TRUST THAT ILO WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE UNIVERSAL SUPPORT THAT IS NEEDS AND DESERVES."

(B) "I DO NOT WISH TO BELABOUR THE POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE SITUATION NOW PREVAILING IN THE AREA. THERE ARE CERTAIN ASPECTS HOWEVER, WHICH ARE OF DIRECT RELEVANCE TO THE WORK OF ILO AND WHICH DESERVE TO BE BRIEFLY MENTIONED. LIKE THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF NATIONS RESENTED HERE, WE, IN JORDAN, ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND THE LABOUR CONDITIONS THEREIN. WE REALIZE THE DIFFICULTY AND, INDEED, THE UNDESIRABILITY OF PROMOTING PIECemeAL SOLUTIONS AND FEEL THAT, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, THE RESOLVING OF THE PROBLEM OF LABOUR CONDITIONS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES LIES FIRST AND

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FOREMOST IN A JUST AND DURABLE SETTLEMENT OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFRONTATION. HIS MAJESTY KING HUSSEIN HAS REITERATED TIME AND AGAIN THAT LIKE THE OTHER ARAB STATES, WE SEEK A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS ON THE BASIS OF A COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND THE RESTORATION OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. HOWEVER, UNTIL THAT STAGE IS REACHED, WE SEEK THE SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING OF ALL CONCERNED FOR AMELIORATING THE CONDITIONS OF ARAB LABOURERS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES."

(C) "...THE TIME HAS COME TO GIVE LABOUR EXPORTS THE ATTENTION AND CONSIDERATION TRADITIONALLY ACCORDED TO CAPITAL TRANSFERS. IN ORDER TO DO THIS, THERE IS NEED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON THE MOVEMENT OF LABOUR WHEREBY PROPER REMUNERATION AND TREATMENT ARE ENSURED. THIS LINKS UP MOST APPROPRIATELY WITH THE CURRENT INTER-NATIONAL CONCERN OVER THE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FURTHER COMMITS US TO THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES DEFINED AND PROMOTED BY ILO..."

8. ACTION REQUESTED : UNLESS DEPT INSTRUCTS OTHERWISE, USDEL PLANS VOTE IN FAVOR OF PUTTING ARGENTINA ON SPECIAL LIST. (SEE PARA 5-C).SORENSEN

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